

I. Amendments

A. IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 20 with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] The remote control 100 may also include an initiation device 120 that when activated initiates the processor 124 to automatically transmit the signals to a number of electronic devices. The initiation device 120 may be a mechanical button, a touch sensitive LCD screen, or any type of input device known in the art. For example, the input device 120 may be a button dedicated to turning “on” or “off” the power for a number of electronic devices. Once a user initiates the process using the input device 120, the microprocessor 124 may look up the appropriate “turn-on” command code for each of the electronic devices 102, 104, 106 and encode them into a signal or sequence of signals. The microprocessor 124 may then direct the signal to a transmitter 122 capable of transmitting the signal to the electronic devices 102, 104, and 106, respectively. Also, there may be more than one initiation device 120 on the remote control 100 where each initiation device 120 may perform a distinct task. For example, one dedicated button may turn “off” and another dedicated button may turn “on” the power to the same number of electronic devices.

Please replace paragraph 21 with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] The signals may be transmitted simultaneously and/or successively. The processor 124 may send the signal through the transmitter 122 successively by sending the signals one at a time to each of the electronic devices. The processor 124 may also send the signals simultaneously by using multiple transmitters 122. The transmitter 122

may be any type of transmitter that sends signals from one location to another either wirelessly or through a hardwire such as an electromagnetic transmitter or a hardwire transmitter. The user may then activate the initiation device 120 again to turn “off” all of the electronic devices 102, 104 and 106 with a turn “off” command encoded in a signal for each of the electronic devices.